



THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org and clicking on "News & Events."

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New North University Community Branch to Open Sept 19

An excited crowd of local citizens is expected for the grand opening of the North University Community Branch Library on Wednesday, September 19. The free event begins at 2 p.m.

The impressive new 16,020 square-foot library is located in the middle of the Nobel Athletic Park complex on a knoll overlooking the park, the canyon and the neighborhood. The park also includes a recreation center, children's play areas, three athletic fields and a dog park.

Access to the library entry will be from a parking lot to the north as well as convenient pedestrian access from the surrounding neighborhood, the park and a transit stop.

Some of the special features of the new library include:

- Expansive children's area with a story nook and separate space for teens
- Meeting room for community gathering and conference rooms for smaller groups
- State-of-the-art computer lab for research and quiet study
- Enclosed outdoor courtyard
- Friends' bookstore selling gently-used materials to benefit the Library

The branch Library has a collection of approximately 50,000 books and media and 24 computers that are available to the public. Like all City Libraries, the new facility will offer free wireless Internet access.

The \$7.9 million project was designed by the architectural team Platt/Whitelaw Architects Inc. and Harley Ellis Devereaux, who cooperatively created a dynamic, functional design reflecting the community's unique heritage and identity. Earth-tone exterior colors and materials are appropriate for the park environment, and the public art reflects the importance of the life sciences and biotechnology to this community. Funding for the library came primarily from developer fees.

Located at 8820 Judicial Drive off of the corner of Nobel Drive, the North University Community Branch Library will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Library's web site:

www.sandiegolibrary.org

Libraries Closed for Labor Day



All City libraries will be closed on **Monday, September 3**, in observance of Labor Day. As a convenience, book drops will remain open to return books and other items.

Dear Miss Breed

Play Sheds Light on WWII Internment of Japanese Americans
Miss Breed's Correspondence with Children is the Play's Inspiration

The City of San Diego Public Library and the Asian Story Theater (AST) will present a stage adaptation of the book *Dear Miss Breed* by Joanne Oppenheim. The play, which offers a contemporary message that resonates in the current post-9/11, war-on-terror climate of modern America, will be presented at the Lyceum Theater at Horton Plaza from Sunday, September 16 through Sunday, September 30. It is based on correspondence that San Diego Public Librarian Clara Breed maintained with more than two dozen young San Diegans of Japanese American descent, interned by the government during World War II at Poston Relocation camp in Arizona. Miss Breed, as she was known, kept every letter written to her by the children.

It was not until late in Miss Breed's life that her letters and the clippings that document her relationship with her friends in the San Diego Japanese American community were given to San Diego's Liz Yamada. She donated them to the Japanese American National Museum where Ms. Oppenheim discovered them.

In 2006, the San Diego Public Library received a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program to adapt the book into a play. The project is led by Andy Lowe, former Artistic Director and founder of the 11-year-old Asian American Repertory Theatre (AART).



Lyceum Theatre, Horton Plaza

- **Sunday, September 16 at 7 p.m.**
Opening Night, Invitation Only
- **Thursday & Friday Mornings at 10 a.m.**
September 20, 21, 27 & 28
Youth Performances (Adults welcome)
- **Thursday Evenings at 7 p.m.**
September 20 & 27
- **Friday & Saturday Evenings at 8 p.m.**
September 21, 22, 28 & 29
- **Saturday & Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m.**
September 22, 23, 29 & 30

Tickets for Youth Performances cost \$5.50
And can be obtained from Young Audiences at 619-282-8709

Tickets for Other Performances are \$10 for Youth & Seniors and \$15 for Adults. They can be purchased from the Lyceum Box Office, Horton Plaza
619-544-1000 or online at:

<http://www.sandiegorep.com/pages/about/lyceumevents.html>



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This program is supported in whole or in part by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), a project of the California State Library in Sacramento, administered in California by the State Librarian; The San Diego Foundation; and the City of San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture.

**Group Tickets can be purchased from
Asian Story Theater, 619-527-2816**

Kensington Trio to Perform at Second Fall Concert



Sunday, September 9 at 2:30 p.m.

The second concert in the Library's 2007 Fall Concert Series features the Kensington Trio. Violinist Nattalka Kytasty, cellist Yuri Kytasty and pianist Ronald Morebello will perform six Hungarian Dances, originally composed by Johannes Brahms for piano four hands, and arranged for piano trio by Doris Geller; Antonin Dvorak's popular "Dumky" Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello, Opus 90, E minor; and the Sergei Rachmaninoff Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello no. 1, G minor, "Elegiac."

San Diego Chamber Music Society Features Music for the Horn

Sunday, September 23 at 2:30 p.m.

The San Diego Chamber Music Society with Juanita Cummins, violin; Branden Muresan, violin/viola; Roger Pine, viola; Lorie Kirkell, cello; and Bruce Dorcy, horn will appear in the third Fall Concert at the Central Library.

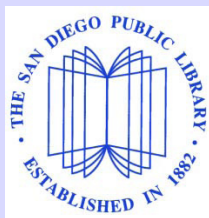
The program will begin with two works from the classical period: Mozart's lyrical, yet technically demanding, Horn Quintet, K. 407 in E-flat major (1782), and Beethoven's second string quartet, op. 18, no. 2 in G major. Ending the program is the Quintet for Horn and String Quartet (1952), by the German-born American composer Bernhard Heiden.

**Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800**

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's website at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



SECOND AVENUE KLEZMER ENSEMBLE



Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble is a favorite local group that performs traditional Yiddish music, sometimes described as "Jewish Jazz." They play lively feylakhs, nostalgic waltzes, Russian shers, and Romanian bulgars. Be ready to clap your hands, sway to the rhythms, and tap your feet!!!

This free program is great for the entire family!

**Rancho Penasquitos Library
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159**



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San Diego Public Library is moving
to a new circulation system

**All materials checked out or renewed
August 24 through September 10, 2007
will have an extended 35-day loan period.**

Free Parking For Central Library Patrons

When:

Saturdays - 9:30AM - 5:30PM
Sundays - 1 PM - 5 PM

Where:

5 Star Parking lot, adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue. Enter the lot from Eighth Avenue. The Library thanks **5 Star Parking** for making this free parking available.

Additionally, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays and after 6 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

Demons, Golems and Dybbuks Monsters of the Jewish Imagination

Led by local professor Ita Sheres a series of discussions of five books on this common theme in Jewish literature and culture, promises to be lively and thought-provoking.

The series, which is part of a national project sponsored by The American Library Association, begins Wednesday, September 19, and continues the third Wednesday of each month through January 2008.

Participation is limited to 20 people, who must be registered.

To register for the series, visit:

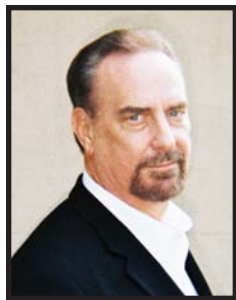
www.sandiegolibrary.org

and click on the Jewish Literature icon
or phone Julie Zielstra (619) 236-5817.

Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 – 8 p.m.

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library
7555 Draper Street, 858-552-1657

Author Jack Getze to Speak at Central Library

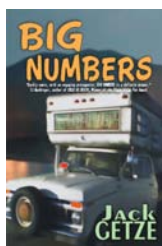


Jack Getze

In **BIG NUMBERS**, wise cracking Austin Carr is searching for a way out of the stock and bond business because his shrinking income isn't able to keep up with alimony and child-support payments. When Carr's richest client tells him that he's dying, and

the future widow offers tender consolation, a tale of "noir greed" unfolds.

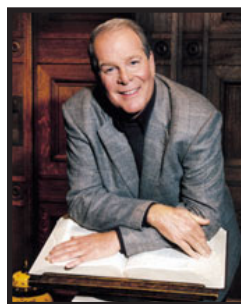
Jack Getze, former reporter, stock-broker and financial counselor, will talk about his mystery novel on Sunday, September 9. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event.



Sunday, September 9 at 2 p.m.

Central Library, Second Floor Meeting Room
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

Richard Cederer to Appear at Wangenheim Room Lecture and Rare Dictionaries Exhibit



Richard Lederer

On September 30, Richard Lederer, author of more than 30 books about language and humor, will speak about *Language, Laughter and Libraries* preceded by a reception which will include catered appetizers and live music. This event will celebrate the opening of the Wangenheim Room's new exhibit, *A World of Words: Samuel Johnson, Noah Webster and works that shaped the English language*. The exhibit will include a first edition of Johnson's masterwork, *A Dictionary of the English Language*, (1755) and Webster's famous *American Dictionary of the English Language* (1828). Other rare dictionaries and the 11th edition of *The Encyclopedia Britannica* also will be on display.



Richard Lederer

Sunday, September 30 at 5:30 - 8 p.m.

**Wangenheim Room and Auditorium
Central Library, Third Floor
820 E Street, Downtown, 236-5800**

Reservations made by September 21 are \$25.
Tickets at the door are \$30. Contact Vera Miller:
v-miller@cox.net or
619 291-8800, for reservations.



**One Book,
One San Diego
VOTE!**

You have the opportunity to help decide which book will be read next by all San Diegans. Read about the three titles on this Web site: <http://www.kpbs.org/vote>. Click the links on the right to vote through September 16.

POV Films Focus on Social Issues

Since 1988 the PBS "POV" (Point Of View) series has brought the best of independent documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to bring communities together in conversation about today's most pressing social issues.

Monday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Camden 28 recalls a 1971 raid on a Camden, New Jersey draft board office by "Catholic Left" activists protesting the Vietnam War. The film reveals the story behind the arrests – a provocative tale of government intrigue and personal betrayal – and the ensuing legal battle, which Supreme Court Justice William Brennan called "one of the great trials of the 20th century." Thirty-five years later, the participants take stock of their motives, fears and the costs of their activism — and its relevance today.



The FBI leads members of the Camden 28 to awaiting police cars Aug. 22, 1971
Photo courtesy of John Swinglish



Co-sponsored by Activist San Diego
www.sandiegoactivist.com

Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Please Vote For Me takes place in Wuhan, a city in middle China about the size of London. It is here that director Weijun Chen has conducted an experiment in democracy. A grade-3 class at Evergreen Primary School has its first encounter with the idea by holding an election to select a Class Monitor. Eight-year-olds compete against each other for the coveted position, abetted and egged on by teachers and doting parents.

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11'09"01 (September 11)



In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 tragedies, eleven filmmakers from various regions of the world came together to address the scope of the situation in as broad or intimate a context as they saw fit. The common guideline was that no one film could exceed 11 minutes, 9 seconds and 1 frame. Each entry takes a different approach.

The filmmakers represented are:

Youssef Chahine (Egypt), Amos Gitai (Israel), Shohei Imamura (Japan), Alejandro González Iñárritu (Mexico), Claude Lelouch (France), Ken Loach (Britain), Samira Makhmalbaf (Iran), Mira Nair (India), Idrissa Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), Sean Penn (USA), Danis Tanović (Bosnia).

Wednesday, September 12 at 6 – 8p.m.

**Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library
5148 Market Street, 619-527-3405**

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org.